trifled the villages in Aligarh district of UP;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a faet that only Tikri-Bhogapur village of Aligarh District has been left unelectri-fied so far;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when Tikri-Bhogapur is likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The rural electrification schemes are formulated and implemented by the State . Electricity Boards. Funds are provided both under State Plan and by the Rural Electrification Corporation. Out of 1769 villages (1971 census) in Aligarh District of Uttar Praesh, 1561 villages, had been electrified upto 31-1-87. Out of these 662 villages have been electrified under the schemes financed by Rural Electrification Corporation. All the re-maining villages to be electrified are covered under REC sanctioned schemes.

(c) to (e) No village having the name of Tikri-Bhoflapur is traceable. However, a village named Teekri Bhogapur with ceusus code No. 118 of Aligarh District has been electrified.

Abolition of Drug Equalisation Fund

333. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleas-ed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gov-ernment propose to abolish Drugs Equalisation Fund Account and in its place suggest for Revenue Linkage;

(b) if so, what is the total amount due from Drug Industry on this ac count upto 31st March, 1987 and by when the same is likely to be collected.

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to identified drugs for Revenue Linkage and which authority decides the list of drugs; and'

(d) what would be the criteria for identification and by when the list would be finalised?

THE MINISTER' OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRl R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The Government have decided to discontinue the system of retention and pooled pricing and to provide protection for indigenous production, wherever necessary, through the tariff mechanism.

(b) The total amount due to the Drug Price Equalisation Account has not been finalised. A provision would be made in the New Drug Price Order to ensure that amounts which have already accrued to the Drug Price Equalisation Account and those which are likely to accrue as a result of action in the past, are protected and used for the purpose stipulated in the existing Drugs (Prices Control) Order.

(c) and (d) The drugs to be covered by the proposed tariff mechanism would be identified in consultation with the Department of Revenue after the finalisation of the list of the price controlled drugs.

Duty Rationalisation of Inputs

334. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have announced their decision of Duty Rationalisation on inputs going into the production of bulk drugs and finished bulk drugs;

(b) if so, which- authority would decide the list of inputs, raw mate. . rials and solvents going into the production of bulk drugs . for-Duty Rationalisation; and

(c) what would . be the criteria and by. when the list would be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A number of drug intermediates have already been allowed concessional rate of customs duty to ensure that cumulative incidence of duty on the bulk drugs is higher than that on the inputs and . drug) intermediates. Further action to identify' intermediates which are exclusively used in the production on,. bulk drugs and rationalisation of duty thereon is. on in consultation with the Department. of. .Revenue.

Prices of tyres and tubes

335. SHRI J. . GOYAL: Will the Minister 'of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(4)3 whether.it is a fact that tb,e automotive tyre manufacturers have been increasing the prices of the tyres and tubes;

(b) if so, the reasosn for which Government have not taken any ."tefcs-frl this'regard;

(c) whether it has" also come tothe notice of Government that theautomotive tyre manufacturers areindulging in various" malpractices inmarketing tyres and tubes by con'fusing the public on the informativemarkings;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government have taken oar propose to take against such automotive tyre manufacturers and for checking the rise in prices of tyres and tubes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY. (SHRl M/ 'ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) The tyre manufacturers have^ apt increased the net dealers price since ' May 1986. However, there are alle-gatidns that the tyre manufacturer have formedca cartel and are indul! ing in malpractices which are bein tooked-fcrto -te.the Monopolistic Restrictive Trade 'Practices Commis sion.

As regards the informative markings, tyre manufacturers were already indicating cedtain details like the name of the manufacturer, the size, the direction of rotation, etc. on the tyres A 'dialogue was also held by the Government with the tyre industry on indication of certain addltta. nal details like the month year manufacture, maximum selling prices, load marking, minimum mileage guarantee etc. As certain importari' issued with regard to minimum mileage guarantee and load marking were-raised a decision on these V belling, has been deferred. It wa however, decided, that details with regard to month/year of manufacture and the maximum selling price should be indicated on automotive tyres. The manner in which the decisions with regard to these labellings should be implemented is being considered keeping the consumers' interest In view. The Government are-having a dialogue both with the manutfcttl-I rers and the consumers.